(b) whether the Government inquired into this petition and with what result?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes; the tank applied for improvement being a private tank the Panchayat has been asked to select a suitable site.

Special Overseer—College Buildings—Ramavarmapuram.

272. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(1) who was appointed Special Overseer for the construction of the College buildings, etc., at Ramavarmapuram and what is his pay for the post;

2. when was he entertained in the State service and what are the various posts held by him and how long in each capacity and what is his permanent appointment and pay;

3. are there Overseers with executive experience in P.W.D. drawing higher permanent pay than him in the department; if so, who are they and what are their qualifications and how were they employed so long and why was any one of these not selected for the post?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1. Mr. M. Govinda Menon on a pay of Rs 80—100.

2. He was first entertained on Karkadagam 19; 1092. A list showing the various posts held by him in the State service is appended (*Vide Appdix II.*) His permanent post is that of 3rd Draftsman, Head Office. He draws the maximum on the Rs. 40—60 grade.

3. A list is appended (*Vide Appendix III.*) The Special Overseer's work in this case will include a great deal of architectural drawing for which Mr. Govinda Menon was found to be the most satisfactory. In the interests of the work, therefore, he was selected as the Special Overseer.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know whether the Overseers mentioned in Appendix III have no experience in architectural drawing?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have already replied to that. Mr. Govinda Menon was found to be the most satisfactory.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—My question is, have not the Overseers in Appendix III experience in architectural drawing?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They have not got any special attribute for architecture.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—"How were they employed so long," in part 3, remains unanswered.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They were all employed as Overseers.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Only as Overseers?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know whether there is any special consideration to appoint this Govinda Menon on Rs. 80 to 100 superceding the claims of ten Overseers on Rs. 60 to 80?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No claim was superceded. Mr. Govinda Menon does not become senior to the other people.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Does it not affect the interest of Overseers on 60 to 80, when a junior is promoted to 80 to 100? It is financial consideration.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Though the pay is 80 to 100, the special officer is not getting any travelling allowance or any other allowance. A Taluk Overseer will not be willing to take up the special officer's post since he will not be given any allowance at all.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was not this gentleman employed in the Head Office, when he was not getting any travelling allowance?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—He was employed in the Head Office.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—To a large extent that will be found from Appendix II. That should have been the consideration (partiality).

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Absolutely no question of partiality here. Mr. Govinda Menon was a draftsman in the office, he was entertained as a special officer and as his responsibilities are greater his pay is also great.

Canal to Kunnamkulam.

273. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 84 of the last budget session, will the Government be pleased to state what further action has been taken by the Government for opening a canal to Kunnamkulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government are awaiting the reply from the Madras Government.

Tanks and wells open to all classes.

274. Mr. K T. Mathew.—Will not the Government be pleased to print and place on the table the number and names of (1) tanks and (2) wells maintained out of public funds which are not open for use to all irrespective of caste or creed in the beginning of the year 1931, giving the reasons in each case for not opening it to all.

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APPENDIX II.

(*Vide answer to question No. 272*).

List of various posts held by Special Overseer, Mr. M. Govinda Menon.

Serial No.	*Period.*			*Name of posts.*
1	19—12—1092	to	25— 9—1093	4th grade section Superintendent.
2	25— 9—1093	to	25— 1—1094	Draftsman, Northern Division Office.
3	25— 1—1094	to	1— 4—1094	Tracer-Special, Irrigation Engineer's Office.
4	1— 4—1094	to	18— 9—1094	4th grade section Superintendent.
5	18— 9—1094	to	22— 9—1094	Surveyor.
6	22— 9—1094	to	18—10—1094	3rd grade section Superintendent.
7	18—10—1094	to	1— 3—1096	Temporary Draftsman, Chief Engineer's Office.
8	1— 3—1096	to	2— 5—1098	Canal Superintendent, Cranganur
9	2— 5—1098	to	3— 5—1098	do Ernakulam.
10	3— 5—1098	to	28— 1—1100	Charge of Bolghatty Portico work
11	28— 1—1100	to	24— 4—1100	Special Overseer, Enamakkal Dam.
12	25— 4—1100	to	21— 6—1101	Canal Superintendent, Ernakulam.
13	21— 6—1101	to	20— 1—1103	do do permanent.
14	20— 1—1103	to	18— 1—1104	3rd Draftsman, Chief Engineer's Office.
15	18— 1—1104	to	8— 2—1104	Canal Superintendent, Ernakulam.
16	9— 2—1104	to	11—11—1104	3rd Draftsman, Chief Engineer's Office.
17	12—11—1104	to	11— 7—1105	Special Overseer in charge of visit works.
18	11— 7—1105	to	1— 8—1105	3rd Draftsman, Chief Engineer's Office.
19	1— 8—1105	to		Special Overseer, Ramavarmapuram College works.

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APPENDIX III.

(Vide answer to question No. 272.)

Names of Overseers with executive experience in P. W. D. drawing higher permanent pay.

S. No.	Names of officers	Post and pay	Qualifications
1	Mr. P. Ukkandanunni Nayar	Chittur Overseer 60—80 (80)	Matric and Lower Subordinate, Madras Engineering College
2	Mr. C. S. Subramania Ayyar	Talappalli Overseer 60—80 (80)	do do
3	Mr. P. R. Padmanabha Ayyar	Mukundapuram do Surveyor 60—80(68)	do do
4	Mr. E. Eachara Wariar	Palace Overseer, deputation as Temple Overseer, Trippunittura (Temporary Rs. 75) 60—80	do Bangalore
5	Mr. K. Narayana Menon	Cranganur Overseer, deputation as special Palace Overseer 60—80 (Temporary Rs.75)	do
6	Mr. K. P. Krishna Menon	Palace Sub-Overseer 60—80 (Rs. 60)	Lower subordinate, Bangalore
7	Mr. Verghese, Kattappuram	1st grade Overeeer, Cochin-Kanayannur	Upper subordinate
8	Mr. S. Narayana Ayyar	Mukundapuram Overseer	do do
9	Mr. P. Varadachari	2nd grade Overseer, Trichur East Range	Sub-Overseer and Survey test, Madras
10	Mr. V. T. Iype	Irrigation Overseer	Sub-Overseer's test, Poona

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